

Reports indicate that since 180 has implemented this innovative multi-disciplinary approach, domestic violence police cases in towns throughout the county have dropped by nearly 35 percent, while recidivism rates for domestic violence offenders have dropped over 50 percent. The programs provided by the 180 show concrete results in terms of reduced crime while providing a critical and invaluable resource to the community in general and women and minorities in particular.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me and continue to support 180 and her sister programs and women's centers throughout the nation. Domestic violence is a problem that affects all of society, not just women—and it is critical that we work together to break the cycle and put an end to domestic violence.

HONORING DETECTIVE JAMES ROYS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an exemplary member of the Long Island community.

The Suffolk County Police Department consistently shows us the best and most heroic that Long Island has to offer. For thirty-one years, Detective James Roys has served as a commendable member of that department. Over the years, Detective Roys worked on numerous high-profile cases. In 1990 he was promoted to Detective and in 1995 he was transferred to the Homicide Squad. He was the lead detective on numerous murder investigations, including the noteworthy cases of Andrew Dukes, Krystal Barbasso, Anthony Meo and Eric Burkes. Detective Roys has made a lasting contribution to the safety of Long Island residents.

On January 4, 2003, Detective James Roys retired from the Suffolk County Police Department. It is with great admiration that I come to this floor to offer my congratulations and best wishes. He will be truly missed by his colleagues and by Suffolk County residents who depended on his hard work for so many years.

Mr. Speaker, Suffolk County owes a debt of gratitude to Detective James Roys.

CONGRATULATIONS KIM HEIMAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kim Heiman, winner of the 2003 Walter B. Jones NOAA Excellence Award in the Category of Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study. Her study of marine ecology and in particular the spread of invasive species has brought her well-deserved acclaim and promises to answer many scientific questions about the physical and biological changes invasive species make on marine communities.

Born in Iowa, Miss Heiman has lived in a variety of locations including Colorado and Japan. She earned her Bachelor of Science

degree in 2000 from New College in Florida. Currently she is a third year Ph.D. student in Ecology and Evolution at Stanford University and works out of Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, California.

Increasing numbers of foreign species in the nation's harbors and estuaries can have detrimental effects on native habitats. Miss Heiman analyzes the spread of a marine tubeworm discovered as an invasive species in California's Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve in 1994. This tubeworm species builds large, hard reefs on the muddy ocean floor, thereby creating three-dimensional structures. She examines these new structures to determine if they result in more habitats where other invasive species can live, and her preliminary results show that the worm reefs have more invasive species compared to other substrates in Elkhorn Slough. Miss Heiman also studies whether the spread of other invasive species correlates with the spread of worm reefs, and this appears to be the case in Elkhorn Slough. The importance of her work rests on the application of her results by coastal ecosystem managers struggling to fight a continued spread of invasive species. Miss Heiman's results from Elkhorn Slough thus far suggest that the spread of invasive species may be mediated by the removal of hard substrates.

Through basic ecological research, Miss Heiman continues to develop conclusions that could help curtail the spread of invasive species and possibly restore our nation's seaports and harbors. On behalf of this House, I commend Kim Heiman on her excellent graduate research in the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and her strong interest in helping answer the difficult problems that ecosystem managers face everyday.

TRIBUTE TO BOB GILDER

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Bob Gilder, a remarkable, celebrated civil rights leader in the Tampa Bay area, whose death this week is an enormous loss to our entire community.

Bob Gilder dedicated his life to fighting segregation, protecting fundamental rights and improving the quality of life for blacks in America. A native of Texas, Bob came to Tampa in 1959 after attending Florida A&M University, and by 1963, he was already speaking out at lunch-counter sit-ins, protests and marches.

Bob's voice only grew stronger over the years, and in 1967, he played a critical role in restoring order and calling for an end to violence after Tampa's race riots. He led efforts to desegregate Tampa General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital and started an on-the-job training program to help black people get jobs in the City of Tampa's fire department, the mayor's office and the state attorney's office. However, Bob is probably best known for his tireless voter registration efforts. Bob worked on countless voter registration drives and in 1991 served as director of the Voter Registration Coalition.

Bob was fearless in pursuing his goals. He had the know-how, the eloquence, the inspira-

tional leadership and determination to succeed in breaking through the barriers to equality. For these qualities he was chosen to serve as president of the Tampa chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and as a member of the advisory committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the Florida Commission on Human Rights, among other positions. Bob received countless awards for his leadership.

Bob's legacy of service reached into his final days. Even during his illness, he became an advocate for hospice care. Bob credited the professionals at LifePath Hospice for helping him and encouraged others in the black community to turn to hospice for end-of-life care.

Bob Gilder's noble fight for justice was a blessing to the Tampa Bay community and the nation. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and offer my thanks for his inspiration.

RECOGNIZING LAURA DELONG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Laura DeLong, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, Troop 1381, and in earning the most prestigious honor of the Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable in Girl Scouting. To earn the Gold Award, a Scout must complete five requirements, all of which promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, and leadership skills. The requirements include: 1. Earning four interest project patches, each of which requires seven activities that center on skill building, technology, service projects, and career exploration; 2. Earning the career exploration pin, which involves researching careers, writing resumes, and planning a career fair or trip; 3. Earning the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work using leadership skills; 4. Designing a self-development plan that requires assessment of ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of 15 hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote Girl Scouting; and 5. Spending a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award Project that has a positive lasting impact on the community.

For her Gold Award Project, Laura created a music clinic for elementary school children.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Laura DeLong for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.